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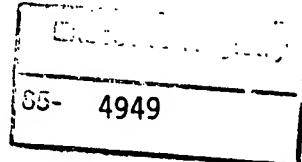
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National Commission
on Libraries and Information Science

16 December 1985

TO: William J. Casey, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Elinor M. Hashim / TCB
FROM: Elinor M. Hashim, Chairman
National Commission on Libraries and
Information Science

Mrs. Barbara Taylor, a recently confirmed member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) has suggested that I send you a copy of my letter to Mr. James C. Miller, Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), appealing OMB's recommendation that our agency be terminated in FY 1987. Because the Commission is so critically needed to help provide expert information policy advice to the Administration, we hope that you will be able to help us in continuing the work of our agency and that you will help support our request for \$750,000.

Enclosure

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National Commission
on Libraries and Information Science

1985 December 16

Mr. James C. Miller, III
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Miller:

On behalf of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS), I am formally appealing the Office of Management and Budget's recommendation that this agency be eliminated in FY 1987.

The agency was established as a permanent, independent agency by PL 91-345 and is unique. None of our work is duplicated by any other government agency. With information activities comprising more than one-half of the Gross National Product, and one-half of the employed people in this country working in information-related activities, the Administration and Congress need the expert information policy advice provided by NCLIS to help promote the economic growth of the Nation.

NCLIS has been endorsed and supported by Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan since its establishment in 1970, and has been a leader in responding to the President's call for greater cooperation with state and local governments and with the private sector. The Commission's budget request of \$750,000 and staff level of 12 is extremely modest.

In FY 1987, the Commission proposes to do the following, none of which would be accomplished without us:

PUBLIC-PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES

Management of Government Information. At the request of OMB and Congress, continue to improve the cost-effective management and dissemination of government information.

User Fees. Implement the recommendations of the Commission's study on the role of fees in supporting library and information services.

Information Skills. Promote the importance of information-finding and using skills to help citizens of all ages perform more effectively in an information society.

Productivity. Work with the private sector to determine how the effective use of information can help improve productivity of government knowledge workers.

International Information Programs. At the request of the Department of State, work with the private sector to enhance the value of U. S. involvement in International Information programs.

Networking of Resources. Continue our work with the information industry and libraries to assist in building a cost-effective nationwide network of information resources needed to meet the information needs of citizens and of industry.

FEDERAL-STATE-LOCAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

Literacy. As part of the President's initiative on adult literacy, continue our work with the Department of Defense, the Department of Education, and local volunteer literacy programs to improve the effectiveness of literacy programs in libraries through technology transfer.

Rural Information. Work with the Department of Agriculture and local and state groups to meet the information needs of citizens living in rural areas (one-third of our population).

Information for Governance. Promote the use of libraries as local centers of information about all aspects of governance.

Services to Older Americans. Continue our partnerships with the Administration on Aging and ACTION to improve library/information services to the elderly - the fastest-growing segment of our population.

I urge you to reconsider the decision to terminate this agency. Let me assure you that we are acutely aware of the financial constraints facing our government, and are committed to assisting in finding solutions. We do believe, however, that we are among the most cost-effective of government agencies and that the benefits of our work reach all Americans.

In view of the critical situation confronting this agency, I would like to meet with you or whomever you designate, to discuss our budget request and to answer any questions you may have. Our Executive Director, Dr. Toni Carbo Bearman, will call your office later today to arrange a time for us to meet. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Elinor M. Hashim
Chairman

c: Toni Carbo Bearman
Executive Director